

Millbrook Meadow Committee 2011 Annual Report

The Millbrook Meadow Committee held its annual Spring cleanup on April 16, 2011. It was a glorious spring morning; we had a great turnout and would like to thank everyone who participated: Gregg and Christine Norris and their son Alex, Charmaine and Shawn Blanchard with Riley and Flynn, Scott Deluca with his children Lila and Anderson, Sam Coulbourn, Jennifer McCarthy, Will Bloomberg, David Cutler, Laura Hallowell, Ted Tarr, Eileen Ford, and Ron Alpert.

The Committee also thanks the DPW for their support of the cleanup, as well as their usual attention to mowing, trash removal, and repairs throughout the year. The Garden Club did a magnificent job with the Garden at the Beach Street entrance and John McColl painted the Meadow's benches green. Also, the RHS Class of 2011 had a graduation picnic and made a generous donation to the Meadow.

The Committee met in June and approved a proposal from the Planning Board to plant a tupelo near the stream in honor of Sam Coulbourn's service to the Town.

In preparation for the impacts from the dam reconstruction project, the Committee voted to invite the Rockport Garden Club to collaborate in planning the restoration of the Meadow. John Sparks will be working on a survey of existing conditions in the Meadow. Judy Spurr will represent the Garden Club in the restoration effort. The Committee's goal is to plan a future for the Meadow that encompasses the best of Rockport.

Finally, the Committee notes the passing of former member and long-time friend of the Meadow, Isabel Natti. Isabel was a staunch advocate for the flora and fauna of Cape Ann.

The Committee invites everyone in the community to participate in the conservation and preservation of the Meadow. Please become members of the Committee, attend any of its meetings, community events, join us for our cleanups, or simply take a stroll through the Meadow and reflect on its beauty.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Segel, Chairperson